

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2771–S2985

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3278–3293, S. Res. 505–509, and S. Con. Res. 62. **Pages S2802–03**

Measures Reported:

S. 1237, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–175)

S. 657, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings. **Page S2802**

Measures Passed:

Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3714, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2981**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 264, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page S2981**

Haiti Earthquake Relief Efforts: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 61, expressing the sense of the Congress that general aviation pilots and industry should be recognized for the contributions made in response to Haiti earthquake relief efforts, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2982**

75th Anniversary of the Natural Resources Conservation Service: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 62, congratulating the outstanding professional public servants, both past and present, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. **Pages S2982–83**

Public Service Recognition Week: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 481, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 3 through 9, 2010, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2983**

Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 507, designating April 30, 2010, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans". **Pages S2983–84**

Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2772–84**

Pending:

Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2772**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3737 (to Amendment No. 3739), to prohibit taxpayers from ever having to bail out the financial sector. **Pages S2772–82**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, April 30, 2010. **Page S2984**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader be authorized to sign any duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions for the period of Thursday, April 29, 2010, and Friday, April 30, 2010. **Page S2771**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David J. Hale, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Kerry B. Harvey, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Alicia Anne Garrido Limtiaco, of Guam, to be United States Attorney for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Kenneth J. Gonzales, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years. **Pages S2981, S2985**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2002.

Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010.

Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Malcolm D. Jackson, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Tracie Stevens, of Washington, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years.

Routine lists in the Army, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:15 p.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday,

April 30, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2984.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), after receiving testimony from Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, and Ann Calvaresi Barr, Deputy Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; and Joseph H. Boardman, and Theodore Alves, both of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), both of Washington, D.C.

HOLDING BANKS ACCOUNTABLE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine holding banks accountable, focusing on if treasury and banks are doing enough to help families save their homes, after receiving testimony from Timothy Geithner, Secretary, and Richard Neiman, Member, Congressional Oversight Panel, both of the Department of the Treasury; Kevin Puvalowski, Deputy Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; and Katie Van Tiem, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, and John O'Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center, Library of Congress.

BRIEFING ON YEMEN AND SOMALIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on United States policy towards Yemen and Somalia, from Michael G. Vickers, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities, Brigadier